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ESSENTIAL OILS INCORPORATION TECHNOLOGY TO IMPROVE SHELF LIFE AND STABILITY OF YOGHURT

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The purpose of this study is to develop a technology for incorporating essential oils (EOs) into yogurt. Various essential oils such as cinnamon oil, garlic oil, caraway oil and clove oil in yogurt are used as antimicrobial and stabilizing agents to increase shelf life and stability. Three hundred µl/kg of essential oil was added to the yogurt after pasteurization to prevent deterioration of functional properties when heated. To determine the antibacterial activity of the main bacterial pathogens, such as total aerobic count of bacteria, yeasts and molds, the total number of bacteria on plates (pour method), the total number of *Escherichia coli* (plate method) and molds were assessed. Texture analysis, solids content, pH and titratable acidity and texture, water holding capacity of the samples were analyzed and it was found that the solids and pH of the yogurts were only slightly affected, while the stability of the yogurt was slightly improved, and the texture of the sample with the addition of ether garlic oil was significantly higher than all, while the cinnamon essential oil sample showed the highest acceptability.

Garlic essential oil has been found to be the best essential oil to include in yogurt to reduce viable bacteria and mold. Cinnamon EO and clove EO added to the samples showed little inhibition, respectively. The highest overall acceptance was observed in the yogurt supplemented with cinnamon EO, and the best organoleptic properties were obtained in the yogurt supplemented with clove EO. The addition of cinnamon, garlic, cumin and clove essential oils can increase shelf life, organoleptic properties and texture, while the texture of yogurt is greatly improved.

Keywords: Essential oil, Cinnamon Oil, Clove Oil, Cumin oil, Garlic oil

ТЕХНОЛОГИЯ ВНЕСЕНИЯ ЭФИРНЫХ МАСЕЛ ДЛЯ УЛУЧШЕНИЯ СРОКА ХРАНЕНИЯ И СТАБИЛЬНОСТИ ЙОГУРТА

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Целью данного исследования является разработка технологии включения эфирных масел (ЭМ) в йогурт. Используются различные эфирные масла, такие как коричное масло, чесночное масло, тминное масло и гвоздичное масло в йогурте, в качестве антимикробных и стабилизирующих агентов для увеличения срока годности и стабильности. Триста мкл/кг эфирного масла вводили в йогурт после пастеризации, чтобы предотвратить снижение функциональных свойств при нагревании. Для определения антибактериальной активности основных переносимых бактерий, таких как общее аэробное количество бактерий, дрожжей и плесени, оценивали общее количество бактерий на чашках (метод насыпания), общее количество кишечных палочек (метод на чашках) и плесени. Анализ текстуры, содержание твердых веществ, pH и титруемая кислотность и текстура, водоудерживающая способность образцов были проанализированы и было обнаружено, что сухие вещества и pH йогуртов были затронуты лишь незначительно, в то время как стабильность йогурта была немного улучшена, а текстура образца с добавлением эфирного масла чеснока была значительно выше чем все, в то время как образец с добавлением эфирного масла корицы показал самую высокую приемлемость.

Было обнаружено, что лучшими эфирными маслами для включения в йогурт для снижения количества жизнеспособных бактерий и плесени является эфирное масло чеснока. ЭМ корицы и эфирное масло гвоздики, добавленные в пробы, показали небольшое ингибирование, соответственно. Наибольшее общее признание наблюдалось в йогурте с добавлением ЭМ корицы, а наилучшие органолептические свойства были получены в йогурте с добавлением ЭМ гвоздики. Добавление эфирных масел корицы, чеснока, тмина и гвоздики может увеличить срок годности, органолептические свойства и текстуру, в то время как текстура йогурта значительно улучшается.

Ключевые слова: эфирное масло, масло корицы, масло гвоздики, масло тмина, масло чеснока

YOGURTNING YAROQLILIK MUDDATINI VA BARQARORLIGINI OSHIRISH UCHUN EFIR MOYLARINI KIRITISH TEXNOLOGIYASI

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Ushbu tadqiqotning maqsadi yogurtga efir moylarini (EM) kiritish texnologiyasini ishlab chiqishdir. Yogurtidagi dolchin moyi, sarimsoq moyi, zira moyi va chinnigullar moyi kabi turli xil efir moylari saqlash muddati va barqarorligini oshirish uchun mikroblarga qarshi va barqarorlashtiruvchi vositalar sifatida ishlatiladi. Pasterizatsiyadan so'ng yogurtga uch yuz µl/kg efir moyi qo'shildi, bu isitishdofunksional xususiyatlarni pasayishini oldini olish maqsadida bajarildi. Bakteriyalar, xamirturushlar va mog'orlarning umumiy aerob soni kabi asosiy bakterial patogenlarning antibakterial faolligini aniqlash uchun plastinkalardagi bakteriyalarning umumiy soni (sochish usuli), ichak tayogchasi (plastinka usuli) va mog'orlarning umumiy soni aniqlandi. Tekstura tahlili, qattiq moddalar tarkibi, pH va titrlanadigan kislotalilik va tekstura, namunalarning biron ushlab turish qobiliyatini tahlil qilindi va yogurtlarning quruq moddalari va pH darajasiga o'zina ta'sir qilgani, yogurtning barqarorligi esa biron yaxshilanganligi aniqlandi, efir sarimsoq yog'i qo'shilgan namunaning teksturasi hammanan sezilarli darajada yuqori edi, dolchin efir moyi namunasi esa eng yuqori maqbullikni ko'rsatdi.

Sarimsoq efir moyi yashovchan bakteriyalar va mog'orlarni kamaytirish uchun yogurt tarkibiga qo'shiladigan eng yaxshi efir moyi ekanligi aniqlandi. Namunalarga qo'shilgan dolchin EM va chinnigullar efir moyi mos ravishda o'zina inhibitsion xususiyatini ko'rsatdi. Eng yuqori umumiy qabul qilish dolchin EM bilan to'ldirilgan yogurtida kuzatilgan va eng yaxshi organoleptik xususiyatlar chinnigullar EM bilan to'ldirilgan yogurtida olingan. Dolchin, sarimsoq, zira va chinnigullar efir moylari qo'shinishi organoleptik xususiyatlarini va struktura mutadilligini oshirishi mumkin, yogurtning tarkibi esa sezilarli darajada yaxshilanadi.

Kalit so'zlar: efir moyi, dolchin moyi, chinnigullar moyi, zira moyi, sarimsoq moyi

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Introduction

Yoghurt is a popular fermented milk product and carries a health benefit due to its probiotic cultures. Milk and starter cultures activity is

enough to produce a yogurt product in traditional level. This product contains high amount of fat and protein. These compounds play an important role in formation of its sensory properties. During produc-

tion of natural yoghurt, the use of optimal method for standardize the fat level is fundamental for quality of final products. Weak body, syneresis and poor taste and flavor impair acceptability of yoghurt. However, in practice in large industries, yogurt milks total solids content needs to be adjusted to produce better products without syneresis. Standardization technique is used to balance the fat level in the milk to get required level of fat for yoghurt production [1].

Modern day food producers are constantly seeking to understand essential oils in order to explain why they exhibit the medicinal, functional effects that each of them is known for. For instance, chemical analysis of essential oil reveals that its main active component is important for their functionality. Some essential oils are promising alternatives to chemical food additives as preservatives, flavorings, and antioxidants [2, 3]. Yogurts are fortified with some locally available natural functional ingredients to enhance its functionality including probiotic bacteria [4], also prebiotic bacterial additives [5] plant originated derived phenolics compounds [6] and some dietary fibers [7]. However, more scientific research studies concerning their compositions and applications are required. The antimicrobial effects of essential oils in food matrices need to be extensively addressed; such researches will assist the development of new preservatives from essential oils. Furthermore, studies of the shelf life and stability of essential oils during food processing are of particular interest. Studies of interactions of spice (mustard, cumin, pepper, garlic) essential oil food components with different food matrices during processing and storage under diverse environmental conditions are of valuable requirement. Cumin seeds are utilized worldwide for edible and medicinal applications [8, 9, 10]. Also, it is added to some food products such as paste, pastry, cheese, pickles and bakery products for flavoring [11, 12].

The major classical uses of EOs extracted from different spices are natural flavoring materials, which have great commercial importance. Worldwide demand for essential oils extracted from spices, dehydrated leaves particularly are increasing [13]. Flavoring agents also plays a major role on yoghurt due to the consumer preferences. Vanilla flavor, strawberry flavor, mango flavors are added into the yoghurt as a flavoring

agent. Therefore, addition of essential oils extracted from spices, some leaves are added in to the yoghurt as a nano-emulsion and functional ingredients and act as a flavoring agents to develop spicy or leafy flavored herbal yoghurt in to the market and test for its quality properties and microbial level.

Therefore, addition of essential oils extracted from spices, some leaves are added in to the yoghurt as a nano-emulsion and functional ingredients to develop spicy or leafy flavored paneer in to the market and test for the characteristics such as physicochemical, and functional properties, antimicrobial activity and stability are very important to evaluate the possibility of using essential as nano-emulsion in paneer. It will include the food law criteria for applicable country.

Research methods

Fresh milk available at the market was taken in to consideration to have standard level of nutrients and additives [14]. The starter culture commercial brand available at study area contains *Streptococcus thermophiles* and *Lactobacillus delbrueckii ssp. Bulgaricus* was used [15]. Essential oil emulsion with 300 $\mu\text{L}/\text{kg}$ was added in to the yoghurt with 3 replicates. Whole milk was pre-heated to 45 °C and centrifuged. Standardizing (Pearson Square method) was carried out to maintain minimum of 3.25% milk fat and 8.25% milk SNF [16], and has a titratable acidity of 0.9%, expressed as lactic acid. After that, milk was homogenized at a pressure of 7 MPa and pasteurized at 90 °C for 10 minutes (Batch pasteurization), cooled to incubation temperature. The prepared EOs were added in to the mixture and inoculated with starter culture in a quantity of 2g/100g [14]. The sterilized containers were used to fill the yoghurt and incubated at 42°C for 2.5 hours. Then, prepared yoghurts was cooled down to 5 °C and stored at this temperature for further analysis. Spread plate method for total Coli form count, pour plate method for Total plate count were done [17]. 1st, to 40th days were considered at an interval of 10 days for shelf life evaluation. Chemical analysis such as pH (Model 230A+) and titratable acidity [18] was tested for the samples.

A sensory evaluation was carried out to find out the best treatment which has long shelf life out of all fur treatments. Sensory panel consisting 30 untrained panelists texture, smell and overall ac-

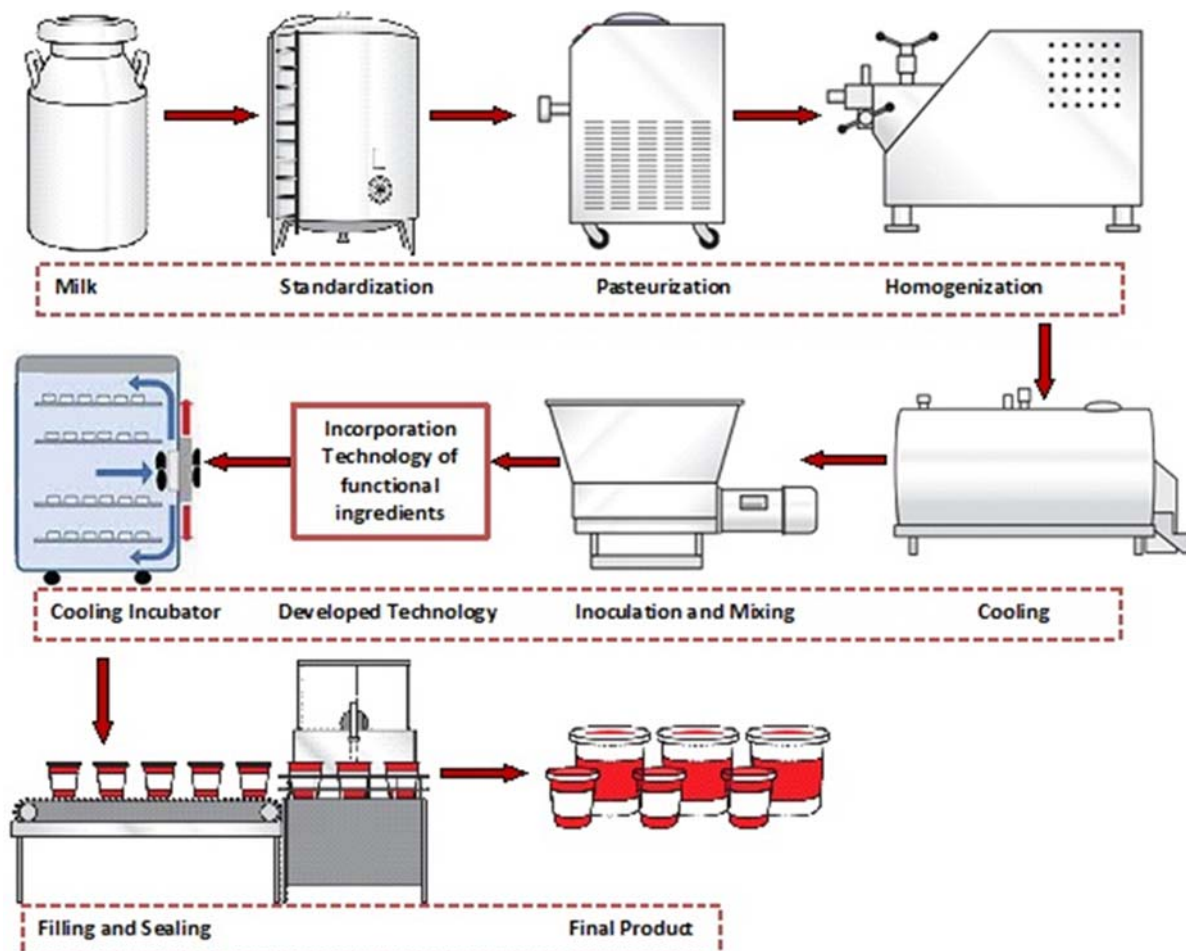


Figure 1. Yoghurt Manufacturing Process

ceptability were evaluated using a 5 points Hedonic scale [19]. Water Holding Capacity of the yoghurt was measured as explained in the previous studies [20, 21]. Non parametric Friedman Test with Statistical software Minitab and tested using Complete Randomized Design in Factorial Experiments in (SAS).

Results and Discussion

Figure 1 describes the whole process of manufacturing yoghurt and the new technology to incorporate EO also stated here for reference. Overall, the addition of EO in oils was done after the inoculation and mixing to eliminate the heat inhibition of functional ingredients in yoghurt.

Streptococcus thermophilus and *Lactobacillus bulgaricus* (ST and LB) are lactic acid bacteria were used as a starter culture for a satisfactory flavor development in an equal number of both. The stimulating effect on each others' growth is called "Proto-cooperation" is useful for flavour development and for the optimum growth off bacteria.

Every sample were not having huge changes in PH value and found that the photo-coporation was not affected and suitable for commercial scale of yoghurt production. [22].

Production of lactic acid is very faster when cultured both rather than individual pure cultures. Also, *bacillus spp* enhance the growth of the ST by forming small peptides and amino acids mainly valine. Hence, *Cocci spp*s enhance the growth of the *bacillus* by forming formic acid under anaerobic conditions and by a rapid production of CO₂. When lactic acid production is reached to a certain level it inhibits the growth of the bacteria which is called as "antibiosis". Proto-cooperation and antibiosis are of great importance in the growth yoghurt bacteria as well as for the quality of yoghurt [23].

Chemical analysis of the final products was carried out by the method mentioned in the articles [21]. The chemical composition of the essential oils added yoghurt is shown in Table 01. The pH of all EO added samples were not significantly

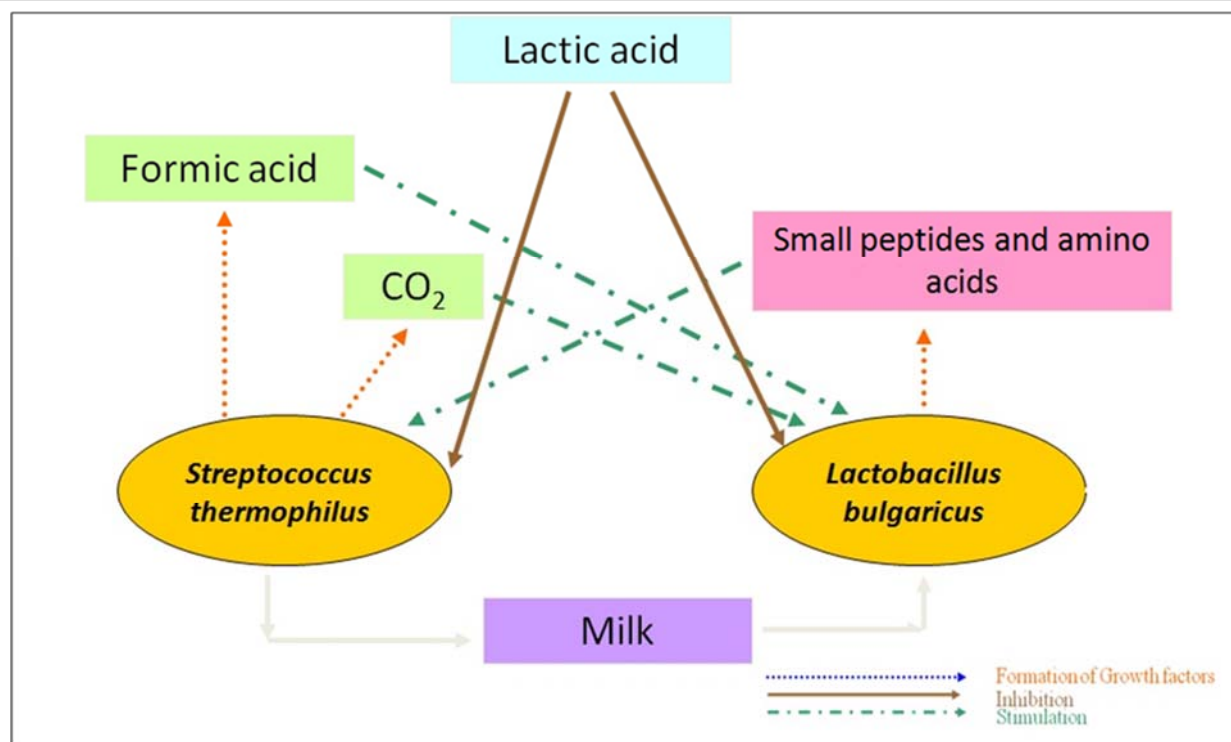


Figure 2. Outline of the stimulation and the inhibition of growth of yoghurt bacteria in milk.

affected ($P \geq 0.05$). Therefore, the setting time and other curdling time were not affected. This may be due to the low concentration of EOs used [24]. Also, the moisture, protein, SNF and fat contents were almost same for all samples including control samples. This indicates that there were no significant effect of the EOs on these parameters. Also, there was slight denaturation of protein, still due to the short processing time but here batch pasteurization was used. Also, vitamins are almost completely preserved. The effect of heat treatment increases the absorption of nutrients by 20-25%, and a number of vitamins, including E, D, B4, in the absence of intense lighting and oxidizing agents are quite resistant to temperature [25].

One of the researches [26] revealed that the pH of the yoghurt was depending on the milk composition, ingredients and the lactic acid bacte-

ria used to produce yoghurt. Also the EO sources such as fruits or spices affect the degree of acidity and its composition in yoghurt. Garlic EO added yoghurt was having a slight consistency in pH. The need for widely usable and easily available bioactive lipids and natural antioxidants continues to grow [27]. Therefore, it is widely used in yoghurt to improve functionality.

Titration acidity changes of treated samples are shown in table 2 and showed that it was significantly different from control sample due to the addition of oils. Control sample showed the highest titration acidity ($P \leq 0.05$) while 1st day and 40th days values of titration acidity were found to be similar. The reason for increase in the titration acidity was due to lactic acid fermentation [28].

Heat treatment of milk results in destruction of microorganisms, and denatures the whey

Table 1

Nutrition analysis of EO added yoghurt

Treatment	Moisture %	Fat %	SNF %	Protein %	Ash %
Control	82.30±1.09	6.20±0.19	14.30±1.29	4.17±0.15	0.42±0.09
Cinnamon EO	82.20±0.91	6.10±0.19	14.10±0.81	4.18±0.14	0.43±0.08
Garlic EO	83.28±1.08	6.20±0.17	14.48±1.18	4.10±0.17	0.43±0.09
Cumin EO	83.73±1.07	6.10±0.18	14.13±1.17	4.21±0.19	0.45±0.05
Clove EO	83.34±1.10	6.10±0.19	14.24±1.20	4.17±0.19	0.43±0.09

Table 2

pH and titratable acidity of the samples

Tested parameters	Storage time (days)	Treatments				
		Control	Cinnamon EO	Garlic EO	Cumin EO	Clove EO
pH	01	4.57	4.79	4.63	4.69	4.79
	10	4.33	4.63	4.61	4.55	4.57
	20	4.27	4.57	4.56	4.42	4.42
	30	4.19	4.31	4.51	4.39	4.38
	40	4.01	4.12	4.32	4.22	4.21
Titratable Acidity %	01	0.52	0.95	0.96	0.95	0.98
	10	0.82	1.03	0.99	1.04	1.13
	20	1.07	1.16	1.08	1.19	1.19
	30	1.11	1.28	1.12	1.24	1.28
	40	1.42	1.39	1.26	1.34	1.31

proteins and retards colloidal calcium phosphate solubility [29]. The total plate count (TPC) of the sample is shown in the Table 3. The TPC of samples revealed that there were significant differences in the total plate count of treatments compared to control in all four treatments. During the storage TPC was increased but when compare with control total plate count of selected treatment was increased in a decreasing rate. Therefore, EO added samples have some effect on reducing of microorganisms. Essential oils are having many healthful properties such as antioxidant and anti-inflammatory [30, 31]. Escherichia coli O157:H7 is recognized as very important pathogen available [32]. Food-borne pathogens such as E. coli O157:H7 is able to survive in acidic conditions and cause infections [33].

Total Coli forms count and Molds evaluation showed that the Coli forms counts and molds were not present in all experiments till

30th days but there were certain number of mold formed in all samples except garlic essential oil added sample at 40th days. It showed that garlic essential oil has significant inhibitory effect on mold. These microorganisms were not observed in all EO added samples during 30th days of storage. It may be due to the hygienic conditions and the in place cleaning mechanism maintained throughout the processing [34, 10].

The sensory evaluation was conducted to parameter that influence the acceptability EO added yoghurt which includes the odour, texture and overall acceptability of the samples (Table 04). The analysis shows that the odour and overall acceptability of cinnamon EO added sample showed a highest level of score while garlic EO added showed the highest score for texture. The gel was pressed with a spoon so as to assess the hardness and its springiness as mentioned in the research article [8]. However, the textural improvement and overall acceptability were ob-

Table 3

Total plate count and total of samples

Treatment	Total plate count (logCFU/ml)				
	Day 1	Day 10	Day 20	Day 30	Day 40
Control	08	10	09	08	06
Cinnamon EO	08	10	09	08	03
Garlic EO	07	09	09	06	03
Cumin EO	08	12	10	06	03
Clove EO	08	09	06	06	03

Table 4

Sensory evaluation for texture, odour and overall acceptance

Treatments	Odour	Texture	Overall acceptability
Cinnamon EO	3.70±0.71	3.14±0.91	3.26±0.91
Garlic EO	3.09±0.81	3.95±0.83	3.14±0.67
Cumin EO	2.11±0.40	2.09±0.59	2.52±0.67
Clove EO	3.82±0.63	2.31±0.92	2.41±0.78

Table 5

Water holding capacity

Days	Water holding capacity (%)				
	Control	Cinnamon EO	Garlic EO	Cumin EO	Clove EO
01	91.51	91.36	89.13	84.97	84.13
10	76.32	90.91	87.26	82.63	79.24
20	75.12	82.31	84.33	78.99	76.18
30	72.63	75.02	71.37	68.43	71.75
40	71.22	72.23	70.33	66.22	69.34

served in garlic EO added sample in a significant level ($p < 0.05$).

Water holding capacity (WHC) of the samples is given in Table 05. It indicates that control sample has the highest WHC (91.51%) followed by Cinnamon EO sample (91.36%). It revealed that control and cinnamon EO samples were not having significant difference ($p < 0.05$) in WHC. That starch use in the control sample is the main reason for this WHC [35]. The inter particle interaction between enlarged starch, casein, whey may be the reason for this effect [36].

Conclusion

The best essential oils to incorporate in yoghurt to inhibit bacterial viable counts and mold counts were found to be garlic EO. Cinnamon EO, clove EO added samples showed slight inhibition, respectively. The most overall acceptance was observed in cinnamon EO added yoghurt and best organoleptic properties were obtained from clove EO added yoghurt. The addition of cinnamon, garlic, cumin and clove EOs could increase the shelf life, organoleptic properties and texture while there were some significant improvement in texture of yogurt.

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